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**Fraternities, Sororities and Honour Societies, Policy on**

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## POLICY

The University Senate, on December 12 1989, approved the following motion concerning fraternities and sororities:

**"that the existing Senate policy not to grant official University recognition to fraternities and sororities remain in place; and that the Undergraduate Calendar state clearly that such groups are not recognized by the University and are therefore independent of the University, and that any acts by these groups are not the responsibility of the University."**

This decision has implications for the "Policy on the Use of University Facilities for Non-Academic Purposes".

Because these societies are non-University Associations, and are not "student organizations recognized by the University" or "student groups recognized by the MSU or GSA", the following rules apply if and when they attempt to book University space.

- I. They must make the necessary arrangements through the Conference Office of the University or the Health Sciences Conference Office.
- II. They must be treated under category (iv) of the "Categories of Non-Academic Users and Conductors" (page 4 of above-mentioned policy), i.e., they are "non-

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accredited off-campus organizations" and are required to pay a rental fee for the use of University facilities.

However, HONOUR SOCIETIES may, upon application to the Senate Committee on Student Affairs, be recognized provided that:

- i. membership is based solely on academic excellence
- ii. the activities of the society wishing recognition are consistent with the aims of the University and the broader community of which it is a part, and
- iii. the membership fees are reasonable.